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CAPE MEARES LIGHTHOUSE PARKING AREA

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I hope everyone made it through the storms without damage. It looks like a wet year if the weather forecasts are correct. Some comments seen in print identify 1976, 1986, 1996 and now 2006 as years showing higher than normal rainfall and flooding problems. So given if this is true one would assume we should “batten down the hatches” in 2016.

The project survived with only minor problems. With all the water coming off the roadway and no way to divert all of it some water shed across dirt and picked up fine sediment that settled out nicely on top of the rock in those areas ready for asphalt. In addition a flow of water was now coming to the surface in the rock area where the drinking fountain was previously located and flowing along the top of the rock southerly towards the observation platform. It's possible that this water flow was in this location previously, but was hidden by the fact it was in a grassy area. Just west of where this water comes to the surface is where the existing asphalt shows patch after patch of repairs. Perhaps the water flow we disturbed during construction was the culprit causing the roadway problem; well let's hope so. This water flow creates a problem, as it would be impossible to pave, or at least do a good job of paving over this water. With everyone wanting to pave at the earliest opportunity it was imperative this issue is resolved. So the contractor was contacted and he moved in an excavator Thursday and we went to work on Friday morning. Although it was a holiday and weather was horrible we made the decision that with everyone ready to go to work we would start installation of an underdrain. With winds gusting to possibly 60-mph the rain powered by that wind was like getting hit in the face with pellets. It was not pleasant as more than one hardhat was chased across the parking lot, but with everyone pitching in the underdrain was finished by noon.

And yes the contractor has a subcontractor scheduled to at least pave the gravel sections when we have a break in the weather. From what I understand Cisneros will have SC Paving from Tillamook doing the work. So lets hope that break in the weather arrives soon.

If you have any commits or concerns related to the construction please forward these to the listed Email address or call 360-907-0685.

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